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Guide for Voting in 2012

In March 2012, 2011 Wisconsin Act 23 was ruled unconstitutional and two separate Circuit Court judges ordered government officials to halt requiring voters to present a valid photo ID when casting their vote. While the merits of this law are being examined, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will continue to provide free state ID cards to Wisconsinites.

Residency

- Increases the residency requirement from 10 days before an election to 28 consecutive days before an election.
- An individual who moves within this state later than 28 days before an election must vote at his or her previous ward or election district if the individual is otherwise qualified. Voters are required to list their last residential address for registration applications.

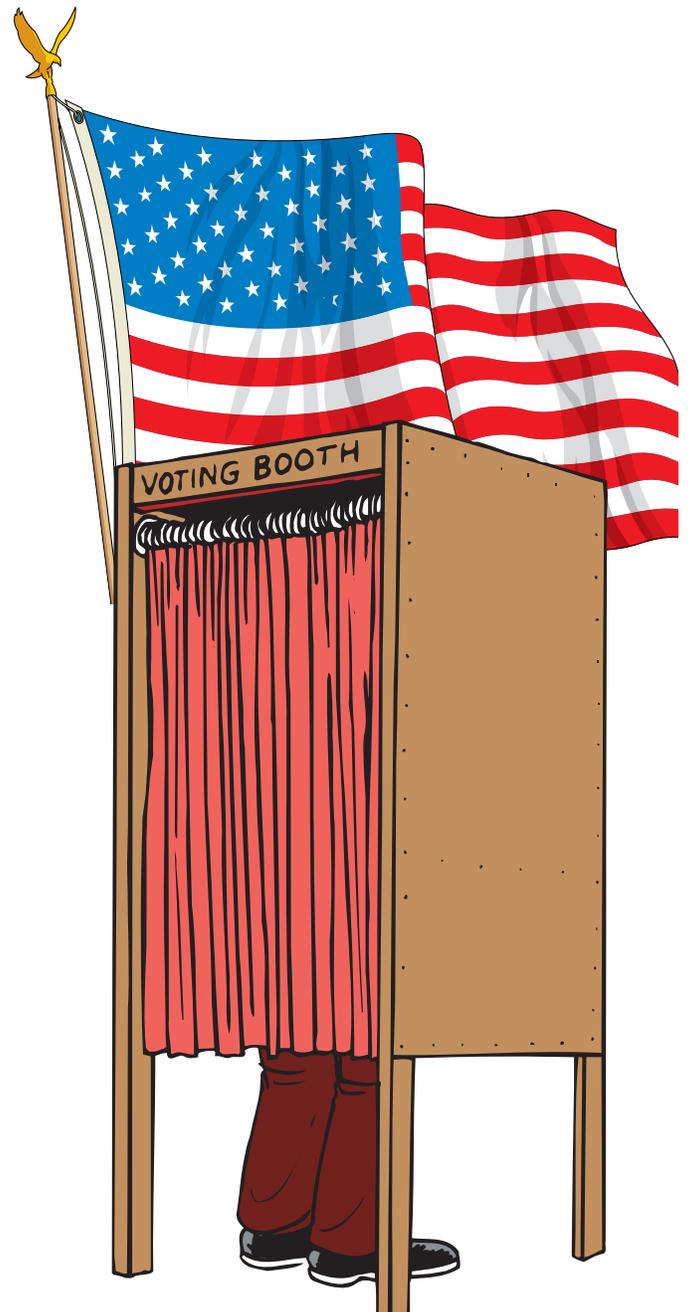
Proof of Residence

Acceptable forms of proof of residence must include:

1. A current and complete name, including both the given and family name
2. A current and complete residential address, including a numbered street address, if any, and the name of a municipality

The following constitute acceptable Proof-of-Residence if the document contains the information specified above:

- ✓ A current and valid Wisconsin driver's license
- ✓ A current and valid Wisconsin identification card
- ✓ Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit
- ✓ Any identification card issued by an employer in the normal course of business and bearing a photo of the card holder (not including a business card)
- ✓ A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or



the year preceding the date of the election

- ✓ A residential lease which is effective for a period that includes election day (not for first-time voters registering by mail)
- ✓ A university, college or technical college fee card with a photo
- ✓ A university, college or technical college identification card with a photo
- ✓ A gas, electric or telephone service statement (utility bill) for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before Election Day
- ✓ Bank statement
- ✓ Paycheck
- ✓ A check or other document issued by a unit of government

Students

- Students may use a university, college or technical college identification card with a photograph of the cardholder together with a fee payment receipt issued to the cardholder dated no earlier than nine months before the date of the election at which the receipt is presented as proof of residence.
- Students may also use a university, college or technical college identification card with a photograph of the cardholder as proof of residence if the university, college or technical college provides a certified and current list of students who reside in housing sponsored by the university, college or technical college, who are U.S. citizens, showing the current address of the students. No address is required on the Student ID card.

Registration Forms

Registration forms must request the location of the elector's previous residence immediately before moving to the current residence location and the elector's current and valid operator's license number.

Late Registration Before the Election

Deadline will be 5 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, on the Friday before the election.

Same Day Registration on Election Day

In order to register at your polling place on the day of the election, you must provide proof that you have lived at the place of residence for 28 days prior to the election, unless you have already voted at that polling location.

Corroboration

Use of corroboration, having another person to vouch for your residency when otherwise proof is not available, is no longer permitted.

Absentee Voting

In-person absentee voting changed to between the opening of business on the third Monday before Election Day and 5 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, on the Friday before Election Day, a two week time frame.

Absentee Ballot Application

Application must be made no earlier than the opening of business on the third Monday preceding the election and no later than 5 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, on the Friday preceding the election.

Automatic Absentee Ballots

Municipal clerks must discontinue mailing or transmitting absentee ballots to electors if they fail to return any absentee ballot they receive.

Poll List Signature Requirement

An elector must sign a poll list or supplemental list, unless exempted by reason of physical disability, in which case, the inspectors must note that the individual was "exempted by order of inspectors."

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